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Big Spring, Texas
September 23, 1950

Editor, Pagent Magazine
535 Fifth Ave.
New York, 17, New York

Dear Sir:

I was amazed by your condensation of Frank Scully's "Flying Saucers" which appeared in the October issue of "Pagent". Amazed, not by it's assertions and implications, but by the fact that a nationally known magazine would present such a poorly synthesized book not as fantasy, or humor, or satire, but as "judge for yourself" reality.

Mr. Scully's book, and your condensation, are written in a straight-faced, documentary manner, but the scientific background is a maze of doubletalk which I believe will puzzle even the layman. As an electrical engineer and geophysicist, I cannot see how such completely erroneous material can be overlooked. To print such hash as "fantastic stories" level fiction is one thing--to use it as a basis for an attack upon the Department of Defense, the Air Force, and military security in general is quite another.

As a sequel to the condensation, I suggest you gather the opinions on the book of eminent geophysicists, electrical engineers, and military intelligence men, all of whose work and study Scully's book ridicules. By printing these opinions, the injustice done to responsible men by a jester might be righted.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. H. Overbach

108 Needham Road
Hyde Park, 36, Mass.

Sept. 25, 1950

Mr. Frank Scully
c/o Pageant Magazine
4600 Diversey Ave;
Chicago, 30, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

After reading excerpts from your book "Behind the Flying Saucers" published in Pageant Magazine, I am convinced that my son John knew what he was talking about when he told me several weeks ago that he believed he saw a Flying Saucer. He is twenty years old and works for an Insurance Company in Boston.

After working hours he was returning from a market near Cleary Square in Hyde Park, shortly after six P. M. I was busy preparing Supper and while I listened to him relate about seeing the Flying Saucer I didn't stop to consider fully the importance of such a discovery.

I thought at the time it might be an airplane from one of the nearby Airports but he sticks to his story that as he came up the hill on Dana Avenue his attention was attracted to a bright silver object in the sky. He turned into Truman Parkway and parked the car on the side of the road so that he could watch it. It was heading Northwest, sort of cruising along slow enough for him to see that it looked like a silver sphere smaller than a quarter. It was high up then suddenly it disappeared.

After seeing Farmer Paul Trent's pictures of the Flying Saucers in Life Magazine of June 26/50 issue, I am convinced that they are a reality.

Your story is truly interesting, exciting and remarkable. Thank You.

Sincerely yours,

Josephine A. Ring
Mrs. JOSEPHINE A. RING

JR

Northrop Aeronautical Institute
Northrop Field
Hawthorne, Calif.

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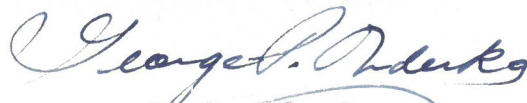
Dear Sirs:

Would you be so kind as to inform me how I can get in touch with the author of the new book " Flying Saucers ", Mr. Frank Scully.

I am extremely interested in the above mentioned publication, and it is of utmost importance to me that I correspond with Mr. Scully. I would therefore, gentlemen, greatly appreciate your help in regard to the above request.

In the meantime I await your reply and remain

Yours very truly,


George P. Onderka

CARL G. STORM

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CHIPPEWA LAKE, OHIO

SEPT 26, 1950

FRANK SCULLY
C/O HENRY HOLT & Co
NEW YORK, N.Y.

DEAR MR. SCULLY:

JUST FINISHED "BEHIND THE
FLYING SAUCERS." A TRULY INTERESTING

BOOK -

MY 10-YR OLD YOUNGESTER
INTERRUPTED MY DINNER TABLE DISCUSSION
ON "SAUCERS" WITH THE REMARK SHE
NEW ALL ABOUT THEM - THEY "DISSOLVED
IN AIR" - FURTHER QUESTIONING REVEALED

THIS INFORMATION CAME FROM A CIRCULATED
CHILD'S PAPER.

I AM ENCLOSING THE ARTICLE FOR YOUR
FURTHER CONSIDERATION

BEST REGARDS

CARL G. STORM

CHIPPEWA LAKE, OHIO

P.S. WOULD BE INTERESTED IN YOUR
COMMENTS -

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September
26, 1950

Dear Mrs. Smart:-

Thank you so much for the letter to Mr. Scully. He is at the moment in New York, but won't be there too long, I guess, so I am keeping the letter here and will give it to him on his arrival, when he will answer you himself much more explicitly.

Meanwhile all the best wishes for you and your undertaking.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. Leta Myers Smart
120 South Grand Avenue
Los Angeles, 12, Calif.

ACCORDING to Dr. Gerard P. Kuiper of Yerkes Observatory and Milton Humason of Mt. Palomar, something is very wrong with the planet Pluto—or at least with human assumptions anent that to-date most distant of all our sun's family. In what is termed the "first accurate" measurement of that heavenly body it has been discovered that Pluto has only one-tenth the volume of Earth.

Its diameter is but 3,550 miles as compared to our home sphere's 7,900-odd. At the same time, according to measurement of the gravitational attraction of Pluto upon its two nearest neighbors, Uranus and Neptune, it must have a mass closely equivalent to that of Earth.

Thus, if both sets of measurements are correct, Pluto is ten times as dense as Earth—and the existence of a large body of such density in our Solar System throws whole sets of other measurements utterly awry. So something is wrong somewhere and it is going to take somewhere between ten and twenty years to make necessary checkups, thanks to the slowness of Pluto's orbit around the sun (approximately 248 years).

Charles Fort's Credo

If Charles Fort had not died on May 3, 1932, some two and a half years after Pluto was first photographed by Clyde W. Tombaugh of the Lowell Observatory, we have a hunch that the announcement of this astronomical bloomer would have caused him to laugh himself to death. For astronomers and their pretensions to accurate understanding of the universe in which we live were the favorite game of this supreme iconoclast of science.

Fort's basic credo, as expressed on

page thirteen of **THE BOOK OF THE DAMNED**, was basically as follows:

All sciences begin with attempts to define.
Nothing ever has been defined.

Because there is nothing to define.

Darwin wrote *The Origin of Species*.

He was never able to tell what he meant by a "species."

It is not possible to define.

Nothing has ever been finally found out.

Because there is nothing final to find out.

It's like looking for a needle that no one ever lost in a haystack that never was—

But that all scientific attempts really to find out something, whereas really there is nothing to find out, are attempts, themselves, really to be something.

A seeker of Truth. He will never find it. But the dimmest of possibilities—he may himself become Truth.

Or that science is more than an inquiry:

That it is a pseudo-construction, or a quasi-organization: that it is an attempt to break away and locally establish harmony, stability, equilibrium, consistency, entity—

Dimmest of possibilities—that it may succeed.

Sept. 28, 1950

Gentlemen:

The article, "Flying Saucers," which appears in your October issue fascinates me

I would like to know how I could contact Mr. Scully, the author, for a more detailed exposé on his scientific research along this line.

Sincerely
Roger. Paul Mueller
49th Bomb Sqdn.
2nd Bomb Group
Hunter A.F.B.
Savannah, Ga.

Sept. 28, 1950.

Dear Mr. Scully:

Your book, because of its topical and absorbing interest, kept me up to rather late hours until finished.

Though tinged with a slight fear of the unknown I am inclined to go along with you. Yet I encourage its reading by everyone I meet no matter how controversial.

Many thanks,

Harold Kiviat

By the kindness of Mrs. Pail

Harold Kiviat
667 Lexington Ave.

Marvell, Arkansas
Sept. 29, 1950

Hillman Periodicals, Inc.,
Publishers of "PaGeant",
Editorial Office,
535 Fifth Avenue,
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Sirs:

Your October 1950 edition of Pageant carries a condensation of
"Flying Saucers", published by Henry Holt & Co., and Frank Scully.

In our office there is much discussion. Please advise if this
is to be taken as serious facts, or is it in the realm of fancy and
fiction? Does this simply reflect Mr. Sculley's personal views
or does he have the proof of the facts he states? If this is truth
how can this have possibly been kept out of the newspapers?

Thank you for a reply.

Jennie C. McDonald
(Mrs.) Jennie C. McDonald



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MR. FRANK SCUNNY
c/o Pageant Magazine

Dear sir:

Condensation of your book
carries a wallop. This a subject
I have been following for some
time.

Enclosed is an alphabet, or
apparently an alphabet that, can-
not seemed to be matched or
judged by experts, and they
have worked on it in Europe.

Will you please send it to
whomever has the writing found
on the Saucers to see if it
is at all like. It will be unscien-
tific "fools" who will fit in some
of the cogs, while under the in-
fluence of "mass hysteria."

Sincerely

Alberta Barre Elliott
(Mrs. J. K.)

P.S. Have sent it to Petroglyph Department of Museum of Natural His-
tory, Wash. D.C., with no success.

September 30, 1950

Mrs. J. K. Elliot
8-D Lewis Village
Greenville, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Elliot:

Thank you for your copy of the mysterious alphabet. I will send it out to Silas Newton who not only moves around more than I do but in more enlightened circles.

I recognize about two markings in your alphabet. One curl looks like a "c" and other like a cedilla but about there, I fall off. It's all pretty fascinating, isn't it?

Thanks for letting me know how you enjoyed the condensation of "Behind the Flying Saucers".

Faithfully yours,

Frank Scully

FS/cg

LETTERS RE FLYING SAUCERS

(Oct 1950)

Sonja Jagger, Mass. wants to know what kind of school to go to in order to be able to do something more in the direction of science etc. She wants to do something about all this.

French B. Powers, W. Va wants to know whom to pressure in order to get an official confirmation from the Air Force that saucers are real. Wants to see pictures, and assures you that he is not prone to panic in case of confirmation.

Several requests where can they get the book.

Dr. Frank C. Farmer of LA wants to know why nothing publicized about autopsy of the little men, which wouldn't interfere with security - except maybe admitting of the existence of them.

Mrs. Allen of Houston wants to know more about Si, Dr. Gee and the magnetron, and any geophysical articles Si might have written ? Have an artist who has read everything about flying saucers and got a bang out of your book.

Earl J. Duncan, Georgia, asks if a way to use mag lines of force or the crossing of them has been found as a means of defence as implied in the article, wouldn't such knowledge obviate the necessity of a protective air force? If such is true, why tremendous expenditures for air arm? What happened to the little men not dissected? What disposition was made of their bodies? Most understanding of all the letters of the reasons why Dr. Gee was not mentioned by right name.

James Hawkins, Mng Ed of The Arlington Daily, Va. wants to know technical data on mag lines of force, how they are counted, as dots rather than lines, and how they are crossed. Also how

Jon Ottg Chicago Ill, congratuales you on the way you try to open the eyes of humanity. Realizes reason for continued refs of air force intelligence backpressure and excuse it although in new writings would like to see more detailed technical data. Always felt we on earth were under scrutiny by being from others planets, and wishes for some of the knowledge they have. At Motorola Engineering lab spouted off his theories to engineers in electronic field. Parallel to your ideas. Many were highly interest and continually asked source of knowledge on the subject and generally interested in some basic material to study, although always some sceptical that started others off on tangent of foolery.

Wishes for a meeting some time in the future.

Desires to become associated with group of Magnetic Froce Wave research in any capacity. 35 years old.

Ernest E. Karlatt of Harvard Law School wants answers on 6 questions.

- 1 Who is Dr. Gee and why hidden identity?
- 2 Why didn't Koehler allow Time-Life and True to see items allegedly taken. If he didn't have them, why not direct them to person who did. Why invent Edgar B. Davis?
3. Who has items now? How about photographs you allege you saw? Why hasn't press been allowed to see these things?
4. Why didn't Si give his name or source of facts in DU lecture
5. What proof have you that army actually "hushed up" anything. Why do you suppose they cleared Keyhoe's articles in advance?
6. Is it reasonable to believe that wristwatch allegedly found would be calibrated to 1/13th of an earth year rather than to system of planet of origin?

What proof can you offer to substatiante your very unusual

humans can stand the great speed necessitated in their travels. Also musing about the incredibility of the same type of animals (i.e. humans I guess) as on earth in miniature on another planet, and the same amount of increidibility of such a miniature race on this earth advance ~~on~~ the saucer stage on earth and be unknown. Wants clarification on these points without endangering the Earth's security.

John Maass, Advtg Designer, LA is sure it is a shoddy hoax, and will make you a wad of dough, and saying there is no law against writing bestsellers for suckers. He mentions an airraid and dogfight over LA during the war, and tens of thousands who saw it and a Jap fighter who crashed a few block away, a thing that never happened, but people living drab lives try to escape from it by getting their names in the papers. Same impulse made dozens confess the Black Dahlia murder.

John E Pitt, McGill U, Canada couldn't get hold of book, but read article. Commends you on adherence to truth. Has conducted unobstrusive and humble research himself, but haven't achiev@d any success like you have. Was going to give lexture at McGill U and wanted as loan - with the strictest secrecy, one or 2 photos of either space ship, occupants of component parts. Drove 8000 miles this summer for more concrete evidence, but was always at the wrong place at the wrong time.

Stanley Sebolt, Portland, Oregon, agrees with you that saucers are from another planet, got the horse laugh. Read your article. Wants the book, can't afford it. Would like to know how he could get a copy, even if it is on the installment plan.

Harold Kiviat was kept up late reading the book. Finged with slight fear of unknown, goes along with you, encourages its reading by everyone. not matter how controversial.

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statements. If you have such proof you have no more right than army to deny it, and everything you say about them applies equally to yourself.

If on the other hand you're perpetrating hoax, admit it publicly. Patient of lot of people is shot with instigators of what army calls mass hysteria. And getting shorter.

(Note AS. He's going to be a heck of a good lawyer. Or maybe he already is/teaching it.)

S.N.Green, Colo. cut out map and pasted it on postcard and wants you to mark it for them, so they can put a temporary marker on the site. Most of the club (Four Corners Rock Club) do not believe in FS but Green, among the minority does. Have many Indian friends in the region, but so far not faintest trace of event.. None of many oil men whom he's consulted know of Silas Newton. Wants address. will hold confidential. He's on the spot and wants info.

Lorna Smith of San Jose writes and copies letter from sister in law describing their viewing of 3 or more ~~shz~~ saucers.

Don Lang of NY sent flying saucer cartoon of NANCY from NY Post Sep 29, 1950

Rev. Milton Hothdurft, Maquoketa, Iowa writes in terrific detail, follows your line, including in the way official investigation is not done. Better read this one. in detail.

Margaret Williams, Wyo. wants to know if disk portion with blades in picture in Denver Post is by chance perhaps one under secret examination by air force intelligence. Son submitted design to government some time ago of idea construction flying saucers as fighter planes. His model had unit installed which looks identical with one in picture. His info is retained in Washington files, and she was just wondering. Article most intriguing and fascinating she's read. Looking forward to the book

WE Smith, Fillmore is more inclined to go along with you than SRLit.
~~Santa Paula Crhonicle.~~

Wants a note to be kept up to date, though won't publish anything you don't want him to. SRLit does however pick out several apparent errors in book. Wonders if you could have been humbugged by Newton, Koehler and the rest. Knows Denver quite well. If you're sure of your ground, don't let 'em blast you into a cocked hat. Believe me, it's the biggest sotry of the age.

PS It may interest you to know I've ~~only~~ found one person out of dozens I've talked to here who thinks there's anything to the story. If the Air Force clams up, you've got a long row to hoe. (Friend of Linetz's)

Lois Abbie Cornell, So. Dakota, would like some publicity for new book.

She'll get a review into Daily Argus Leader. (Sioux Falls)

W.J.Wegman Jr, Tampa, ~~Florida~~. writes to Winchell feeling the book and article "should be either proved or disproved. Too radical in scope and too authentic by implication to be allowed to go unans. Such info as he implies is being held from the gen public is too important to each and every individual to be allowed to be repressed. I hope that you will se fit to investigate this." Winchell mailed it on to Scully % Variety.

Furniss Peterson wants further proof or public statement he can use.

Manuel Espinosa of Oakland, has answer for the three-point landing gear.

A lovely letter as well.

Dr. Viola V. Petitt of Bev Hills wants to know if there were any crystab of pyramidal form or any pyramidal structures in the instalations? Also. would like you to speak at a program ~~Nf~~ industrial leaders on the theme New Frotniers of National Defense in Industry in War and Peace. An Army man will speak and an industry representative, and they want a scientist, not the usual orthodox professor, and thinks you are it. (cont.)

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Would also like to talk with you about amazing discoveries
"about di-electric energy which we aren't even giving out
as yet" Wonders if that could be the type of energy
used by flying saucer "neutronic energy?"

"May I call you in the next few days? She did. Before
we came home.

J.F.McKale, President Am Assn of College Baseball Coaches, Tucson.

Sends clippings etc.

Edwin H Davidson, Radio Techn with RCA has found association between
reports of flying saucers and periods of ionospheric
disturbance. Will let you know when he gets more data.
Share your opinion of Army's Kaiki Curtin on all public
info.

Excellent book, read with great interest and enjoyment.

E.J.Carnell, London, England (fiction editor) praises book very much.

Asks if rapid passage through atmosphere by saucers would
not leave a wake of vacuum which would result in noise
similar to thunder after they had passed? He is thinking
of air waves created in wake of the V 2 during the war.
Or would a revolging disc travelling at supersonic speed
not create a vacuum because the displacement of air is
distributed outward?

He can imagine why airplane pilots do not hear any sound,
but have ground observers ever reported thunder from a
clear sky?

Some speculation on the cigar-shaped body being the parent
ship from which saucers are launched.

"Thanks for the most interesting book of the year, and
the food for thought and speculation which it leaves behind."

Bob Pike re many things and information.

Harry Bryant of Idaho Falls wants your autograph in a book and sent to him and a bill. Sweet hero worship.

Ivan Courtright of Venic, Cal sent pictures of flying saucers. Mother followed it up on the phone with a story printed in the Times, of two kids seeing a flying saucer, same night Ivan took pictures. Interviewed kids, who thought pix were just it.

Letter from Lawrence, Kans. with clipping from Roscoe Born in Topeka State Journal, Sept 12 telling of a legend concerning ~~fixinx~~ trips to Venus and a captain who saw a white man on board a flying saucer, and the man coming back refusing to say anything but having an amazating knowledge - amazing to astronomers and scientists, - about the planet Venus. And a date mixup printing things in 1932 that happened much, much later.

Wing Anderson send a booklet, A New Explanation of Natural Forces, Creation of Planets, Electricity, Magnetism, Gravity etc., from OAHSPE. Suggests maybe Dr. Gee might ~~xxxxxxzzzzzzzzzz~~ get a new slant on certain things if you should forward it to him. (Wing Anderson wrote a book recently which Ann Frazer thought was terrific)

H W Hanemann, Daytona Beach sent clippings from Jack Lait in Winchell's column about electronic rays and such weird things.

John W Gregory of Hollywood congratulates on the book. Man is electrical
Ph. D has been the contentions for 30 years and that diseases can be prevented and cured through electro magn instruments. He wants a few minutes with you in his earnest desire to develop healing instruemtns along magnetic line, wants knowledge and suggestions. Also would like to present to you one Depolarays which they have found relaxing and theropeudic agent.

Cedric Belfrage, N.Y. is flabbergasted, likes the idea.

Hardin Ramey, Okla feels, as do his friends that you have been hoaxed

Is curious about the three-ball landing gear. Since it(Saucer) couldn't be tilted while in motion, how was that found out?

How was motion obtained? During queer happenings in

Farmington he received a letter from a friend who was very disappointed he couldn't see the discs which almost everyone else were seeing. Wants to know why. Could it be what you refer to as the "lunar fringe?"

Albert J. Kelly, Stockton A TERRIFIC LETTER. First he answer Dr. Gee's

question, how do saucers switch over from the outside

repelling forces to ours? He says it can be done by

switching over from left to right hand rotation as show

on a chart he's made. Wants Dr. Gee to see it if possible.

Wants you please to correspond with him.

Since reading the article and the book with your very

advanced revelations, which he's sold on, he has been working

on an enlightening theory that he believe to be key to the

mag forces. Will gladly send diagrams for evaluation by

Dr. Gee. Feels certain that theory will work work and will

not show to any physicist until he hears from you. "This

should give you an opportunity to make these 'jokers" eat

some of their words" Reference to poke by Sat Rev of Lit.

He also has a three ~~xxx~~ dimensional model that he will send.

It's more surprising than your article. The model seems

to show the use of nines, nine circles of positive force,

when neg. naturalized, also positive force in both directions

repelling with both neutrals repelling (alternate) from a

common center.

W.E.Bustin, Miss. wants to know where and what magazine he can get where you talk about little men. The local paper mentioned about the magazine Sept 8, 1950. He is also very interested in the booklet (could he mean book)

Dr. Baudo MD of NY says "Your book has been a topic of conversation for the past month. Among our group we have the 'believers' and 'non-believers'. Asks if you would consider addressing a small group of doctors, including questions and answer period. All thrilled - even skeptics- at the prospect of an affirmative answer. Former classmate of your Dr. Frank Genonese is a member of our 'flying saucer group.'

Elizabeth H. Hewitt, of Oakland, says "After a first excited reading lasting until 2 AM I have just put down your amazing book on the Flying Saucers. It may well become the book of the century - with World in Collision trailing, meteorlike, behind. That stupendous tome was of the past but yours is of here and now and the future! Goes on to be happy over living in the world now as things open up, is convinced the saucerians are here for no evil, that the only thing we have to fear is our own ignorance. Says Charles Fort was intimate family friend, and has book inscribed by him. Says your book will have many careful readings, wants to get electromagnetic picture clear and see unfolding of new wonders in universe. Glad you have 'spoke n up' with such authority, and plenty of delicious biting humor!

Mrs. R. H. Mills of Pine Orchard, Conn. Read your book and had a hand in getting you on Mary Margaret McBride's broadcast. "It was vastly entertaining and you are to be congratulated on your speaking ability as well as for your great talent for writing."